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K-State's sustainability grade lacking, campus leaders optimistic

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's most recent sustainability efforts have been put up for a grade.

The independent sustainability evaluation gave K-State an overall grade of C minus on the 2010 College Sustainability Report Card. The report card, issued yearly by the Sustainability Endowments Institute, evaluates campus operations and endowment investments in terms of sustainability, and was based on data from collected from June through August 2009, according to its Web site. Compared to fellow institutions in the Big 12, K-State ranked 11th out of the

conference's 12 schools.

Zack Pistora, senior in political science and student director of sustainability, said he believes the university has a lot of room for improvement.

"We should look at this score as a great opportunity to move forward," he said. "With a new presidential administration and an engaged student populace, K-State students did receive a B. We definitely can get the ball rolling on sustainability and put the 'land' back in land-grant institution."

The B Pistora mentioned was in the student involvement category of the report card, which was K-State's only area of improvement. The grade increased

from a C on the 2009 report card to a B in 2010. The availability of two sustainability internships, an Ecolympics competition, a Game Day recycling program and a new student orientation event to acclimate students to the university's recycling program were the reasons specified for K-State's grade.

Of the report card's 11 categories, which each receive an individual grade, most grades were equivalent to 2009's report card when the university earned a C. There were a few notable exceptions which made a difference in the overall grade. Green building, which is how sustainability

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College Sustainability Report Card

	2008	2009	2010
Administration	C	C	C
Climate Change & Energy	D	D	D
Food & Recycling	D	B	B
Green Building	D	D	G
Student Involvement	D	C	B
Transportation	B	C	C
Endowment Transparency	F	B	F
Investment Priorities	C	A	A
Shareholder Engagement	F	F	F
Overall Grade	D+	C	C-

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Flu cases still higher than normal, CDC official says

By Sam Nearhood
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Dr. Beth Bell, associate director for science with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the number of flu-like cases in the U.S. are decreasing, but are still higher than normal.

Bell spoke to college reporters Thursday afternoon as part of a conference call sponsored by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Bell said one of the things the CDC monitors regularly is the proportion of cases to doctors around the country for flu-like illness.

"Those digits are going down a little bit over the last couple of weeks," Bell said. "The amount of out-patient digits for the flu is going down some, but that doesn't mean that it's gone away. It's still way above what's normal for this time of the year and what's baseline."

Duncan, who addressed the issue of H1N1 prevention and treatment on college campuses, stressed the importance of student vaccinations this semester.

"My most important message is that I want to encourage students to try to get vaccinated before they leave school for the holiday break," Duncan said.

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Tap happy



Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Meg Wilson, senior in interior architecture and product design, takes the lead in front of the K-State Tap Dance Ensemble, which performed during the second half of the annual Winter Dance, presented by the K-State dance program in Nichols Theatre.

K-State dancers perform Winter Dance

By Pauline Kennedy
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students of the K-State dance program performed a wide variety of dance styles Thursday night in Nichols Hall for the annual Winter Dance production.

The dances were original choreographed pieces by several K-State dance professors and guest choreographer, Andrea Skowronek.

The opening performance was a contemporary ballet piece, choreographed by Joyce Yagerline, associate professor of communications studies, theater and dance. Yagerline said she was inspired to choreograph the routine, entitled Fête de la Musique, while at a music festival in Paris. She said while at the festival, she heard a French style of music called House, which she explained as a genre similar to Techno with a melody.

The dancers wore four types of costumes for the performance: traditional leotards, bra and trunks, bra and boy shorts and a leotard with boy shorts. Yagerline said the girls were nervous about the revealing costumes, but had group personal training to prepare for the performance.

"There's a movement towards minimalism," Yagerline said about contemporary ballet costumes.

She said removing conventional attire, such as tutus, allows a viewer to focus on the athleticism of the human

body. Yagerline also said it is not provocative in any way, but shows beauty and is self-empowering.

The production continued with several other styles of dance including jazz, modern and tap. The dancers wore both bright, colorful costumes and simple, earth-toned clothing.

There was one solo piece performed by Erin Duffy, senior in apparel marketing. Duffy said she has danced ballet for about 16 years, and was used to performing for an audience.

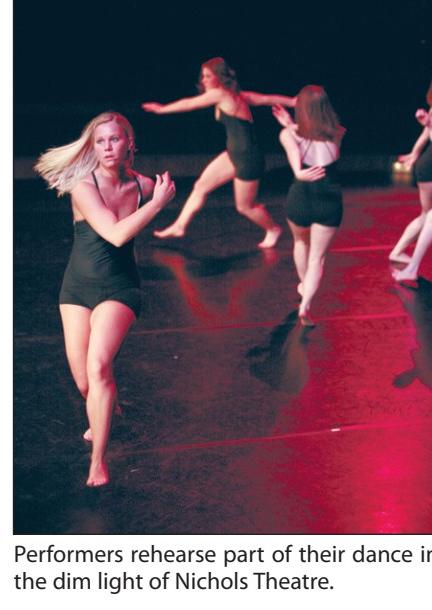
"It's not that bad, but the first night is always the hardest," Duffy said.

Four performances of Winter Dance still remain. There is a show tonight at 7:30, a Saturday matinee at 2:30 and a final performance Saturday night at 7:30.

Neil Dunn, instructor of dance, also took the opportunity to announce several up-and-coming performances.

Dunn said a Senior Concert, choreographed by Autumn Scoggan, senior in women's studies, and Whitney Wear, senior in pre-nursing, is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. in Nichols Hall. There will also be a dance student Spotlight Concert Monday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Nichols Hall.

Dunn said the Spotlight show is becoming a tradition for the dance program.



Performers rehearse part of their dance in the dim light of Nichols Theatre.

"It is quite a show, and always a blast," he said.

Julie Pintz, professor of dance, said the Spotlight performance gives students the opportunity to showcase their own work.



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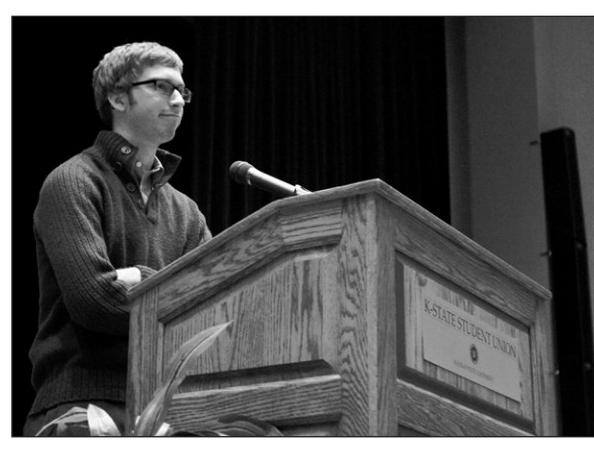


Two of the dancers performing in Winter Dance mirror each other's movements during their dress rehearsal Wednesday night in Nichols Theatre.



One of the K-State students performing in Winter Dance masks her face during one of the dance numbers in the show.





Students-speakers argue for change, present ideas in Forum Hall Thursday

By Sarah Rajewski
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Brett Hunter had never even held a microphone before Thursday.

When he got up to give his persuasive speech in front of about 60 people in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union, he described the feeling as "hectic."

"I tried to stay calm and collected, but still in my head it was a mile a minute, making sure I tried to cover everything: eye contact, body motion, everything else," said Hunter, junior in construction science and management.

Hunter was one of six students from four Public Speaking 2 classes who presented speeches arguing for change on-campus and in the local community. Those students also included: Sam Dodge, junior in finance; Adam Durar, senior in management; Brock Ingmire, sophomore in communication studies; Adrian Stryker, senior in accounting and finance; and Grace Tucker, senior in agribusiness and animal sciences and industry.

Phil Anderson, instructor in communication studies, theater and dance, created this event when he came to K-State 30 years ago. His goal for his students to take petitions to Student Governing Association with their ideas.

"Student activism usually results in change, usually change for the better, in this world that

is changing and growing," Anderson said.

This year was the first time he combined with Travis Smith, instructor in communication studies, theater and dance, for the event. Anderson, who is retiring next year, said he hopes Smith will continue the speeches.

The students made a variety of arguments and encouraged their peers in the audience to consider them. Dodge pushed for students to sign a petition calling for the return of military police to Aggierville. Dodge said incidents in Aggierville have doubled since 2005, when there were military police present.

Stryker highlighted K-State's lack of any lactation rooms for women, when many colleges across the country have them, including the University of Kansas. Stryker proposed turning one of the rooms on K-State Student Union's second floor into a lactation room. Supplies, like a breast pump, could be kept in a cupboard so the room could be used for other events if necessary, Stryker said.

Durar argued that PowerPoint presentations are not the best way for students to learn, since many consider them boring. Rather, he encouraged students to push professors for more interactive classes.

Tucker presented a petition for a porch light campaign in Manhattan. If residents would turn on their lights from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., it would promote safety in the community, she said. The energy for this light

would cost 80 cents a month per house, Tucker said.

Hunter offered ideas for K-State to improve sustainability through energy efficient light bulbs and double pane windows. He also suggested a living roof, which is where plants grow on the roof of a building.

Ingmire argued that K-State makes financial decisions, like with parking garage and carpet renovation in Hale Library, to promote its image rather than benefit actual students. He said students should sign his petition to alert the administration to a need for change.

Cameron Briscoe, junior in secondary education, said she thought some of the topics were very interesting and she planned on signing some of the petitions.

"It brings us closer together if the students can actually change things and make a difference," Briscoe said.

Briscoe is in a Public Speaking 2 class and said she came to the speech because she wanted to hear the speeches, not only for the extra credit she would get. Many of the students in attendance were in Public Speaking 2. President Kirk Schulz and Student Body President Dalton Henry were not in attendance, although they were invited.

Hunter said that word of mouth was the most important thing to occur from the event. Once the students spoke, he said, other students could consider their ideas and talk about them.



Photos by Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Above: Sam Dodge spoke to K-State students in Forum Hall Thursday afternoon about the need for military police in Aggierville. **Top Left:** Brock Ingmire argued that K-State focuses on its image too much. **Top Middle:** Grace Tucker talked about the need for a porch light campaign in Manhattan. **Top Right:** Brett Hunter gave solutions for K-State to be more environmentally friendly. **Middle Left:** Adrian Stryker argued for on-campus lactation rooms. **Bottom Left:** Adam Durar said university professors should rely less on PowerPoint presentations.

Marcus Cooper, teaching assistant for Public Speaking 2 and moderator of the event, said the event was a success, deeming it the "intellectual event of the semester."

"It went great because they voiced their opinions; they participated in a democracy because democracy in action is a contact sport," Cooper said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marijuana should remain illegal

Editors:

I have been reading the writings of Beth Mendenhall this semester and have begun to wonder whether she actually believes the things she writes or is just trying to get K-State faculty and students riled up.

With her most recent article on cannabis, I decided I needed to speak out. The entire article by Mendenhall is the typical "hippy" argument, and there is nothing of educational value. I can hear a high school dropout working at Burger King make a better argument for the legalization of pot.

Mendenhall quotes The Declaration of Independence by saying "... every citizen's right to 'Life, Liberty, and The Pursuit of Happiness,'" then says that not being able to smoke pot infringes on our right to be happy.

Please re-read the text. We have the right to "pursue" happiness, we are not entitled to it, and happiness must come within the boundaries of our laws as a country. Being able to drive home from Aggierville after a long night of drinking would make many college students "happy" because they wouldn't need designated drivers, but it's still illegal.

Also, in regard to one of her final arguments, legalization "... reduced government spending on the War on Drugs..." is a huge misconception. Just because it would be legal in the United States does not mean we wouldn't import it. Eventually drug companies (or whoever you want to sell it) will realize they can import more for cheaper.

This is the same reason some American companies export so many jobs.

America's economy is based on the products we offer, while other countries - take Mexico, for example - are based on labor and at the cheap rate they can make the products.

Finally, one rather simple point to add - the article says "100 million" people have smoked pot. Please take into account the states that have legalized pot for medical use and then think about the size of our country: over 300 million. Less than one-third of our country has smoked pot, so less than half of the country would legalize it. Since the majority doesn't want it, little will ever be done to legalize it.

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Enforcing of underage drinking laws important

Editor:

Eli B Neal doesn't seem to recognize that lives are saved by keeping a handle on underage drinking. By saving young lives (or any life), people graduate and go on to productive careers; parents proudly sit in the stands at graduation and younger siblings have someone to look up to as they mature and make choices (hopefully, responsible)

their own lives.

There are laws because people are irresponsible with their personal choices and others, in some cases, and needlessly suffer the consequences.

Thank you Riley County Law Enforcement for the work you do - keep it up. We're proud of you.

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CRIME

Woman hit by car in crosswalk near Mercy

By Tyler Sharp
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A local woman was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center after she was struck by a car in the 1800 block of College Avenue, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

Kelly Fields, 43, of 1924 Hunting Ave., was in the crosswalk between the Bramlage Coliseum parking lot and Mercy when Hannah Hawkinson, 18, of 2418 Marion Drive, hit her.

Hawkinson was southbound on College Avenue in the left lane when the accident occurred, according to the report. Crosby said Fields, who was taken to the hospital, suffered unknown injuries, and the accident is under investigation.

\$1,800 BURGLARY REPORTED

Two local women reported a burglary to the RCPD yesterday with total losses amounted to \$1,800, Crosby said.

The victims were Melissa Langston, 25, of 3305 Kensington Court,

Apt. 11, and Stephanie Murphy, 27, of 3305 Kensington Court, Apt. 8, and the items were taken from a car, according to the report.

The incident occurred between 11 p.m. on Tuesday and 5:45 a.m. on Wednesday at 3305 Kensington Court, Crosby said.

The items taken from the car were an in-dash stereo faceplate, Lexus seat rest with a television in it, iPod nano, Zune MP3 player and charger adapter cable, according to the report. Additionally, there was dam-

age reported to the trunk latch and driver's side door, Crosby said.

WOOD SPLITTER REPORTED STOLEN

A local woman reported the theft of a wood splitter worth \$1,200 to the RCPD, Crosby said.

Tracey Sohnery, 37, of 5650 McDowell Creek Road, had borrowed the splitter from its owner, Craig Gaglia, a Fort Riley soldier who died recently.

The reported theft of the 20-to-28 ton Husky wood splitter occurred between 6 p.m. Sunday and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sohnery's residence, according to the report.

Crosby said Sohnery was returning the splitter to Gaglia's family when she discovered it was missing.

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A rude awakening



Illustration by Erin Logan

Christmas not the only holiday in December

Christmas used to be a special time of year for me, but it seems the older I get, the less I enjoy it. It's not because it's repetitive or because I'm sick of hearing the same crappy Christmas music every year, though I'll admit that is a factor. It's because I always meet a couple jerks who ruin the experience for me by being arrogant and presumptuous, shoving Christmas down my throat as if it were a weapon.

It's the same scenario every year. I hold open a door for a stranger whose arms are full or strike up a conversation with someone at random, or someone strikes one up with me. Pleasantries are exchanged, and then it's time to say goodbye.

"Nice talking to you," I say. "Happy Holidays."

Then the pleasant stranger's eyes narrow and they suddenly turn grouchy. "It's not 'Happy Holidays,' it's 'Merry Christmas!'"



KAREN INGRAM

Groan.

Sometimes I try to reason with these people. I try to explain to them, calmly and politely, that there's more than one holiday going on in December and I can't tell which one they celebrate just by looking at them. Unfortunately, these gung-ho Christmas fans are not listeners, unless you're on "their side." They either yell louder or just walk away, leaving me to talk to myself. How rude.

One year, I decided to mix it up a little by running an experiment. I waited until somebody pulled the angry ol' "Christmas only" line on me, and I responded with "I'm sorry, I don't celebrate Christmas. I'm Jewish."

I expected the person to correct themselves, wish me a happy Hanukkah, apologize or at least express surprise at this little white lie. They didn't. Instead, they spat "Have a Merry Christmas" in a furious and — I dare say — disgusted tone of voice, then stormed away. It isn't very often that I'm left speechless, but this was one of those occasions.

People, I understand that Christmas is important to you, but you need to understand you are not all alone in this great

big, wide world. There is a smorgasbord of holidays in December, celebrated by many different groups.

Just to name a few: Christmas is celebrated by various Christians, Hanukkah is celebrated by the Jewish, Kwanzaa by some African Americans, the Winter Solstice by Wiccans, Bodhi Day by Buddhists, Krampus by a few Germans, Festivus by weirdo "Seinfeld" fans, the Islamic New Year and so on. Let's not forget that some people, such as atheists and Jehovah's Witnesses, don't celebrate at all.

Are you getting the hint? So, when I say "Happy Holidays" to you, I'm not trying to deny your chosen holiday. Instead, what I mean is "I have no idea what, if any, holiday you celebrate. But whatever your plans are for this month, I wish you well."

Whereas saying "It's not 'Happy Holidays,' it's 'Merry Christmas,'" is akin to saying "Screw you if you don't celebrate my holiday."

Happy Holidays, everyone.

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Requiring doctor licenses unnecessary, expensive

Health care affects everyone in this country, from the pre-born to the elderly. Even college students need to see doctors from time to time. During the debate over health care, Democrats have accused those opposing their brand of reform of not putting forth any alternative ideas.

While the Republicans have offered increasing competition through allowing insurance providers to cross state lines, which would certainly help, no change as fundamental as handing over the business of health care to the government has been offered.

I think I can help with that.

First, some background on the idea through analogy. Last year while I was in Barry Flinchbaugh's agricultural policy class, he spent awhile explaining the troubles and travails that farmers go through in this country. Notice that these are the problems the farmers themselves have, not problems for us consumers who are blessed with abundant, inexpensive food.

When the government tries making land more scarce, it mainly increases property values, and when it tries guaranteeing a price for crops, it creates useless surpluses and anger from the World Trade Organization. Flinchbaugh said the eventual solution of how to



FRANK MALE

make farmers more stable, less competitive and lazier (dare I say fat cats?), which is what the government is working toward, is to start licensing farmers.

Why license farmers? The same reason we license doctors. It makes it more difficult to be a farmer, so there are fewer of them — less competition. A smaller group of farmers, or doctors, means they can demand a higher price for goods or services rendered. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is what has been happening in the medical profession since the time of Hippocrates.

Doctors have to get through undergraduate school and successfully apply to medical school before they can even think about engaging in medical practices. The American Medical Association has made sure that in order to get a state license, you have to have graduated from a medical school that the AMA itself has accredited. Then it applies pressure on those schools to limit the numbers of people accepted.

A classical example cited by economist Milton Friedman in his magnum opus "Capitalism and Freedom" explains how they have used this power in the past. Way back during the Great Depression, the AMA sent a letter to the medical schools "saying that the medical schools were admitting more students than could be given the proper kind of training ... Every school reduced the number it was admitting" in response. If that's not evidence of the power they exercise, nothing is.

Doctors are restricting entry into their profession, and thereby making themselves appear more valuable than they are. The solution: Get rid of the state laws requiring a license to practice medicine.

"But we don't want second-rate doctors!" you exclaim. "Without the licensing restrictions, there would be no way to tell the good doctors from the bad."

As contraire. Patients and insurance companies already go through effort to select the best doctors. They discriminate based on patient reviews, schools attended and honors received. When your health is on the line, you make sure that you're receiving the best treatment you can afford. And right now, there are people out there who can't afford the best, most expensive doctors. We could handle that how we handled housing, by making it affordable for everyone, but that's how we managed to get the housing boom and bust.

Or we could handle it like we do the farming market. This doesn't make the doctors happy, just as the old, crusty farmers aren't happy, but the job isn't to make people happy; it is to get them treatment. With doctors artificially scarce through the tactic of medical licensure, those people are out of luck.

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Beth Mendenhall told me it was okay to take up, so yesterday I did. And then I ate an entire blueberry pie that was left over from Thanksgiving. As of this morning, I can say that not only do I bleed purple, I do other things purple as well.

Here's to you, coffee shop girl wrapped in the pink pants.

To the girls on campus: What would you do if I just randomly came up to you and kissed you?

Hey, you're like, really ugly, but kind of in a hot way. I'm kind of impressed with you.

I needed to wear gloves walking to school and I only had one white one and one gray one. Needless to say, I felt like Michael Jackson.

First the Nobel Peace Prize, then the troop surge in Afghanistan. Good job, Obama.

Be on the lookout for Beth Mendenhall articles. They're pretty humorous.

Did I really just see the words "affordable" and "Varney's" together? What is this world coming to?

Hey Fourum, the reason you haven't been getting as many calls is people have been too busy studying for finals and catching up on late homework.

If you want to see conformity at its worst, go out on Wednesday around 5:15. The Greeks travel in packs.

Hi! Fourum, not that you really care, but today in the Western Civilization class I played a perfect game of Hearts.

Hey Fourum, I think you spelled your name wrong. Fourum is only spelled with one "u."

What am I without you? Is it too late to say that I was wrong? By the way, there is a difference between giving up and knowing when to quit.

Beth Mendenhall is an idiot.

Fourum, you lie. You say you're online, but you're not. At least not today. Bye.

I'm too young to be hating stairs.

Yes, Claire, acid is illegal.

Seriously? Seriously! Kansas State parking police: Who would give a ticket to somebody just because they were parked in a parking lot without a freaking sticker when they're in a parking lot that is, like, 25 percent full?!

Fourum... crap, I totally had something good to say, but I forgot it. Okay, maybe it wasn't that good.

Did Adam and Eve have belly buttons?

This is to Professor Kirkpatrick in Psychology 110: Please do not use the word "irregardless" anymore. I know you have a Ph.D. You should know that "irregardless" isn't a word.

America should follow by Canada's example and should get free national WiFi.

The worst torture method in the world is having to suffer through Spangles commercials without having the food to counter balance them.

I miss "Duck Tales." Modern cartoon writers have gotten lazy.

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Best of Fourum

There is no war on drugs, there's only a war on the American people.

No, that's now called the Overseas Contingency Operation.

What happened to the Stuni guy? I miss him.

There are a great many people who don't miss him.

How many points do I get for waking up next to a girl wearing nothing but Ugg boots?

You don't get points. You get STDs.

A question for the Fourum: Does smoking tobacco out of a pipe automatically make me a gentleman?

A gentleman is made out of one part pipe tobacco and two parts Single-Malt Scotch. You're one-third of the way there.

I love you, I love you, not really. If you want me to love you, you'd better send a rubber ducky.

No, you still owe me a rubber ducky.

What the heck happened to all the brown cows?

They were tried before the court for committing acts of global warming, then summarily executed. Tastiest court case of the year.

Without No-Shave November, I never would have gotten a Ron Burgundy mustache. Thank you, Collegian.

Way to stay classy, K-State.

Yeah, so, I just got owned by an answering machine. Eff my life.

You would be surprised at the number of people who are.

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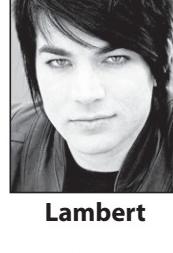
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

ABC CANCELS LAMBERT'S APPEARANCE ON "JIMMY KIMMEL SHOW"

ABC canceled yet another Adam Lambert performance, according to *People.com*. The cancellation comes in the wake of Lambert's performance at the American Music Awards, during which a male dancer simulated performing oral sex on Lambert, and Lambert French-kissed a male member of his band.



Lambert

Lambert, who took second place on 2008's season of "American Idol," said while he may have gotten "carried away" during his performance, he doesn't "think about things like, 'This is network television; what time is it; what children were watching'" and he doesn't "see anything wrong" with his performance, according to the Web site.

Despite that fact, ABC chose to cancel his appearance on "Good Morning America" soon after the awards show and followed that cancellation with a more recent decision not to feature Lambert on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" or on its New Year's Eve program, according to *People.com*.

Lambert tweeted that he was not surprised about the cancellations, according to *People.com*, and that "it's the FCC heat" that forced ABC to choose not to allow him on the network.

The singer confirmed, also via tweet, that he is still planning on being on "The Jay Leno Show" and is looking into "something" for New Year's Eve, according to *People.com*.

WOODS' SPONSORS ANNOUNCE SUPPORT OF GOLFER

Despite the controversy surrounding professional golfer Tiger Woods, none of his corporate sponsors are changing their support for the athlete, according to *People.com*.



Woods

On Wednesday, Woods issued a statement in which he apologized for his "transgressions," according to the Web site, and said he has "not been true to my values and the behavior my family deserves." Although not a direct confirmation, many news sources interpret Woods' statement as a confirmation that he cheated on his wife, Elin Nordegren.

Nevertheless, several of Woods' corporate sponsors have issued statements confirming their support of the golfer and their expectations that he will continue to help them sell their products, according to *People.com*. According to the Web site, a representative for EA Sports, the company who makes the video game "Tiger Woods Golf," said the company's "strong relationship with Tiger for more than a decade remains unchanged" and the company wishes Woods "a fast recovery."

Other companies, including Nike, Gillette and Gatorade have echoed similar sentiments and released statements saying they both support Woods and his family as they go through this experience and they do not plan to change their advertising contracts with the golfer, according to *People.com*.

SWIFT RECEIVES EIGHT GRAMMY NOMINATIONS

Taylor Swift was nominated for eight Grammy awards Wednesday, according to *People.com*, including album, song and record of the year, as well as Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals, Best Country Album, Best Country Song, Best Female Country Vocal Performance and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.



Swift

Swift said she "never would have predicted" receiving eight nominations and she is "ecstatic and blown away and so, so thankful," according to the Web site.

Swift received more nominations than any musician other than Beyoncé, who received ten nominations, including album, record, song and collaboration of the year, according to *AssociatedContent.com*.

Beyoncé and Swift both also received a nomination for Best Female Vocal Performance, according to the Web site.

Swift said, "To be recognized by the Grammys is the ultimate honor and all I know is that when I write about this in my journal tonight it will be in all capital letters and underlined four times," according to *People.com*. "There will be lots of exclamation points in this entry because I never imagined I'd get to write this kind of journal entry," she said.

Swift was nominated for Best New Artist in 2008 but did not win the award. The 52nd annual Grammy Music Awards will take place January 31, 2010, according to *People.com*.

-Compiled by Elena Buckner

How high?



Photo illustrations by Tommy Theis

Legal pot substitute gains popularity in Kansas

By Eli B Neal
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

"It gets you really high and it's totally legal," said Kyle Taylor as he took a long drag of a K2 cigarette.

Taylor, a sophomore in psychology, is one of thousands of Kansans who have discovered K2, a new drug that is rapidly gaining popularity across the state.

K2 is a legal marijuana substitute that has become popular in Lawrence and Kansas City over the last few months, and a number of K-State students have begun using the drug as well.

Natalie McAnnula, employee at Sacred Journey, an herb shop on Massachusetts Street in Lawrence that sells the drug, said K2 is a mixture of blue lotus, baybean and a number of other herbs. However, K2 does not get its potent effects from these herbs, but from two synthesized cannabinoids that are added to the mixture.

Synthetic cannabinoids are very closely related to tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the chemical in marijuana which

causes users to get high. However, because the chemicals in K2 are slightly different than THC, they are not covered by existing drug laws. According to a Nov. 3 Kansas City Star article, the chemicals were first synthesized by an undergraduate student at Clemson University under the supervision of chemistry professor John W. Hoffman.

Users of the drug say K2's effects are

"When you smoke K2 your whole body feels high ... You just kind of melt into the couch and lay there for a while."

-Kyle Taylor, sophomore in psychology

not initially realize what K2 was used for and had believed it was simply an incense. He said the store decided to stop carrying K2 after reading several reviews online.

"Once we heard all the controversy and bad stuff about it we decided to just ax it," Johnson said. "We don't want to condone anything."

Sacred Journey

is the only store known to currently sell K2 in Kansas. The store sells four different types that range in price from \$15 to \$30, making the drug about half as expensive as marijuana of comparable strength.

McAnnula said she did not know of any other stores in Lawrence or Kansas City that sold K2. However, she had heard of a store in Kansas City that was considering selling it. McAnnula said Sacred Journey began selling the drug in June or July and it has become very popular since that time.

Taylor said he had to wait in a long line to buy the drug.

"We went there as soon as the herb shop opened and there was a line out the door, and they were all in line for K2. The person working the desk came out and was like 'Who isn't here for K2? We can ring you up at the other register.' And no one even moved," Taylor said.

K2 can also be ordered from numerous Web sites. Chris said friends had bought the drug for him from Sacred Journey, but recently he ordered it from *K2fire.com*. Taylor also said he knew people who order the drug online because it is cheaper when bought in bulk off the internet.

K2 is popular among college and high school students. However, it has been particularly popular among people who cannot smoke marijuana because of their job or legal problems. Chris said he first learned about the drug from a friend in the army who must take drug tests.

"I'm smoking it because I'm on probation," Chris said with a laugh.

Taylor also cited legal reasons for smoking K2, because he is currently awaiting trial for marijuana-related charges and anticipates he will have to take drug tests in the near future.

A major concern many people have with K2 and other pot substitutes is the health effects of using the drug have not been studied.

"I would definitely smoke pot before I'd smoke K2 because I think K2 is synthetic, and we don't know the effects," Chris said.

Hoffman said in an interview with the Kansas City Star that his research indicates synthesized cannabinoids may potentially break down into carcinogens in the human body, and he felt it was important the effects be studied before people use it.

While K2 may currently be legal, it is unlikely it will remain that way for long. The drug recently caught the attention of police in Johnson County when they found out a number of people on parole and diversion were using the drug.

K2 has also caught the attention of Peggy Mast, a state representative for District 76. Several years ago, Mast sponsored a bill that outlawed Salvia Divinorum, an herb with short psychedelic effects that was also being sold in herb shops in Lawrence. In an interview with The Kansas City Star, Mast said she would be "happy to sponsor a bill to make this illegal."

The state legislature resumes session in January. It is likely Mast will sponsor a bill to make K2 illegal as quickly as possible, which means smokers might only have a few more months to enjoy K2 before their legal high goes up in smoke.



Wildcats shows room to improve

If you watched the K-State men's basketball game last Tuesday night, you were probably on the edge of your seat for at least part of it. Going up against Fort Hays State, the basketball team, under head coach Frank Martin looked a bit sloppy. Coming into Bramlage Coliseum for the first time in 16 days, the Wildcats were not clicking well for most of the game.

The Wildcats have been talked up a bit due to the impact of transfers and new players who joined the team this year and are hoping for more success than last year, when they finished 22-12 overall. Conference play will be extremely important early on this semester as K-State plays Texas A&M for their first home Big 12 game, then takes on both Texas and Kansas in the same month.

Proponents of college basketball think this year is going to be awfully big for the Big 12, and I would like to think the same. With ESPN College Gameday coming to K-State for the KU game this year, it is sure to be a large amount of publicity for both the school and the league.

Martin is working his squad hard as ever, but as you've seen if you've watched the games, he simply is not pleased with the team's performance to this point and is expecting more out of star players and especially transfer Curtis Kelly.

K-State can play some very aggressive and fast-paced ball this year with Denis Clemente and Jacob Pullen in the front court, who combined for 37 points against Fort Hays State. But they need to work on the focus coming out into the first part of the game and get a better start. The attitude of the team and the crowd is sure to be pained when Martin has to take a time out within the first couple minutes of play.

Another trip to the NIT would spell failure for a K-State basketball team that is hoping to give out a big loss to a top-ranked Kansas this year in January. As always, the unpredictable-ness makes the sport unnerving for those fans who would like to see consistency. But one thing is for sure, K-State has a chance to be a top competitor this year and even get ranked early in the season.

Mistakes and crucial missed points have been plaguing the Wildcats to this point, and they need to step it up. Free throws are always something that need to be made and taken advantage of. Having a low field goal percentage is going to become a huge factor when the conference games start, so K-State needs to get in gear and get their numbers up.

As always, we look forward to what this season may hold and have our fingers crossed as K-State gets ready to take on Washington State this weekend and Xavier early next week. Get out there and support the Wildcats.

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Looking ahead

Snyder, team prepare for off-season, 2010

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Behind head coach Bill Snyder in his first season back from retirement, the Wildcat football team went 6-6. While this was only a slight improvement from last year's 5-7 record under former head coach Ron Prince, it was an improvement nonetheless.

Performance against Kansas is often how many fans measure success, and K-State did pass that test.

"Bottom line for me, it was a disappointing finish," Snyder said. "Yet, I was pleased with progress we had made during the course of the year. It takes time to learn how to perform in that kind of environment."

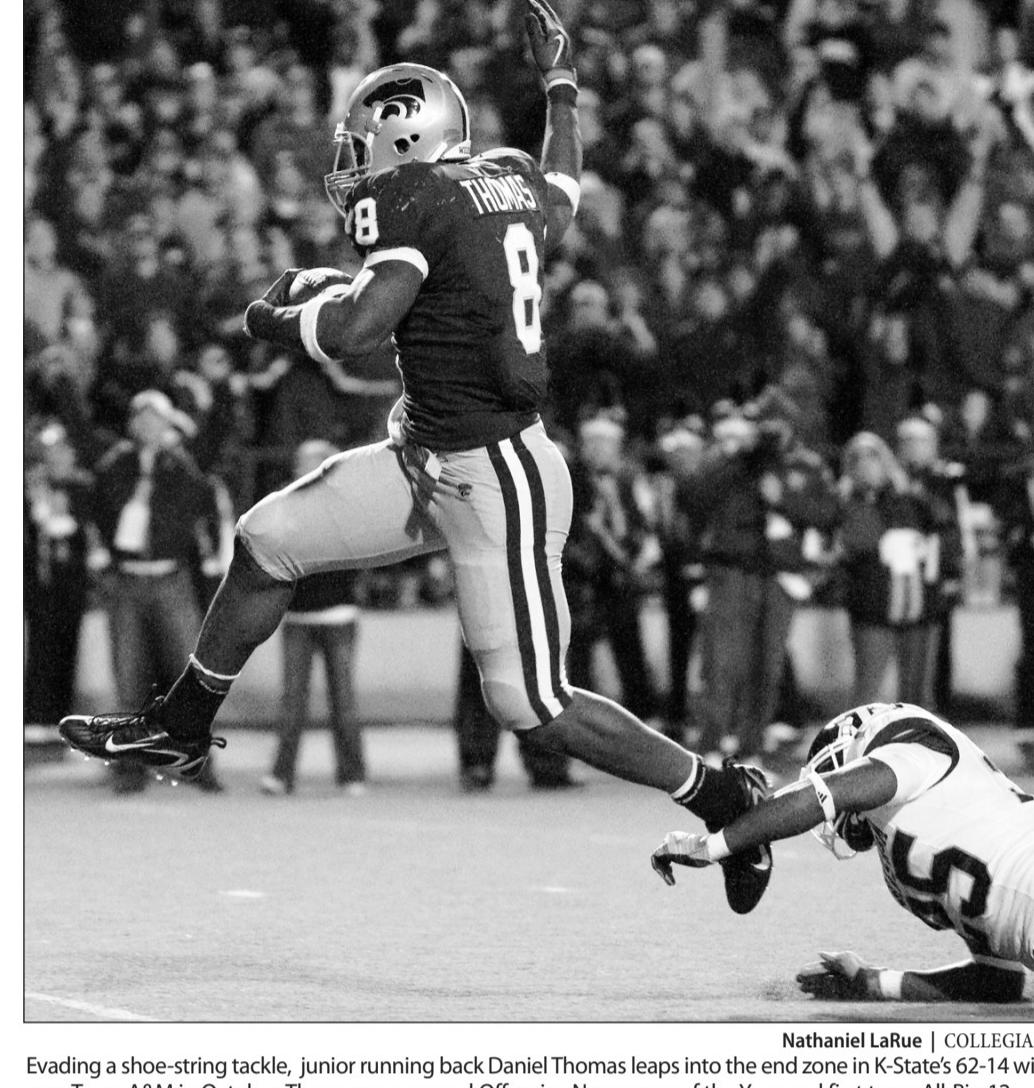
While Snyder said he is certain the players have not grasped the intensity of the physical, mental and emotional aspects it takes to do well, he said they are beginning to understand the commitment aspect of it. He said the players are beginning to understand the emotional and mental preparation that is required to have success. He also said he thinks they have a far better understanding today than they did in January of last year.

While the Wildcats narrowly missed a bowl game and the Big 12 North championship, due largely to a loss to Nebraska and scheduling of too many FCS division teams, Snyder seemed optimistic about the future. He likened his feelings about this team's future to those about the team when he was here in 1989.

"At the end of my first season, even though we were a 1-10 football team, I was more confident at that time than at any time before that the program would have some success," Snyder said. "I feel the same way. I think it's a little different, but I feel the same way."

K-State received a myriad of postseason recognitions. Senior kick returner/receiver Brandon Banks won Special Teams Player of the Year and junior running back Daniel Thomas received Offensive Newcomer of the Year. K-State had 10 players on the All-Academic first team and three on the second team. The university leads the Big 12 in graduation rate for student-athletes based on the four-year class average.

The Wildcats had four players named as All-Big 12 first team, and three more made honorable mention. Snyder made honorable mention as well.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Evading a shoe-string tackle, junior running back Daniel Thomas leaps into the end zone in K-State's 62-14 win over Texas A&M in October. Thomas was named Offensive Newcomer of the Year, and first team All-Big 12.

2009 All-Big 12 Selections

Bill Snyder - Honorable mention Coach of the Year
Daniel Thomas - Offensive Newcomer of the Year
Brandon Banks - Special Teams Player of the Year
Daniel Thomas - First team running back
Jeron Mastrud - First team tight end
Nick Stringer - First team offensive lineman
Brandon Banks - First team kick returner; Second team wide receiver
Jeffrey Fitzgerald - Honorable mention defensive lineman
Tysyn Hartman - Honorable mention defensive back

As far as recruiting for next season, the Wildcats will have the majority of their class in time for spring football. Snyder said there are only about three scholarships left. He said recruiting is happening with younger students these days, and he is not totally comfortable with that because he wants to see how players perform their senior year of high school.

"We put a little bit of emphasis on a few areas that might be significant immediately," Snyder said. "But overall, you try to fit every position that you can. Immediate needs would probably be an offensive lineman, a defense lineman or two; perhaps a linebacker."

He said the team is about a game away from solidifying its 2010 schedule.

2010 SEASON

Speaking of schedule, that is one aspect of next season that should be slightly different. This season K-State had 12 consecutive games without a bye week and the number of smaller schools it had as opponents meant it had to

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Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Senior running back Daniel Thomas cuts across the field in during the Wildcats' 17-10 win over KU. K-State had not beat the Jayhawks since 2005, during head coach Bill Snyder's first tenure with K-State.



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Brandon Banks, senior wide receiver, avoids a Tennessee Tech defender during a kick return in the Wildcats' 49-7 win. Banks returned two kickoffs for touchdowns in the game.

BRIEFS

KU'S MANGINO RESIGNS AS HEAD COACH

Kansas head football coach Mark Mangino has resigned from his position after the Jayhawks went 5-7 during the 2009 season.

The former K-State and Oklahoma assistant coach who served as KU's leader for eight seasons, has recently received national attention for alleged anger issues on the field, including an incident prior to the Jayhawks' game at Colorado when he stuck his finger in the chest of linebacker Arist Wright when he was heard laughing during a pregame walk-through.

Mangino posted a 50-48 overall record during his time at KU and led the programs to four bowl appearances. He was named National Coach of the Year following the 2007 campaign when he led the Jayhawks to a 12-1 record, a victory over Virginia Tech in the FedEx Orange Bowl and a No. 7 final ranking. He finished his career with a 23-41 mark in Big 12 play and this season's 1-7 finish was the worst under Mangino since they went win-less in 2002 – his first season.

After 2007, Mangino signed a contract extension that would have kept him in Lawrence through the 2012 season. Because he resigned, he is not owed any of the \$6.6 buyout he would have received if he were fired.



Mangino

PETERSON COULD LOSE DRIVER'S LICENSE

Minnesota Vikings running back and former Oklahoma standout Adrian Peterson is in danger of losing his driver's license after being clocked at 109 mph last Saturday in Minneapolis, Minn.

Peterson, who was pulled over at approximately 8:30 p.m. in a 55-mph zone, was issued a citation but was allowed to drive home after the incident. He was on his way to the hotel the Vikings stay at the night before home games. He told reporters the traffic stop made him late to the hotel.

In 2005, a law was passed in Minnesota that requires an automatic license suspension of at least six months for drivers caught driving in excess of 100 mph. Peterson has until Dec. 19 to challenge the citation in court.

Peterson has no public history of off-the-field issues prior to the traffic violation and is known for his charity work in the Minneapolis community. He is also helps out each year at a Special Olympics event that the Vikings host at their practice facility. He is currently third among all NFL running backs with 1,084 rushing yards and second in touchdowns with 12 this season. The Vikings are currently 10-1, which is the second best record in the NFC.



Peterson

PATTERSON SIGNS FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT

K-State Athletic Director John Currie announced Thursday that the school has agreed to a five-year contract with current women's basketball coach Deb Patterson, which will keep her in Manhattan through the 2014 campaign.

Patterson, a two-time Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year, who is currently in her 14th season at the helm of the program, is already the program's all-time winningest coach with 267 victories and a .620 winning percentage. During her tenure, K-State has won the conference title twice and made 10 appearances in 10 NCAA Tournaments. The Wildcats captured the WNIT Championship in 2006. Patterson has also produced several WNBA draft picks, including 2008 senior guard Shalee Lehning.

Under the new contract, Patterson will earn a base salary \$485,000 plus performance incentives for the 2009-10 contract year. That salary will gradually increase each season and will reach \$600,000 in 2013-2014.

After losing five seniors from last year's squad, the Wildcats are off to a 3-3 start to the 2009-10 campaign. They will take the court tonight in the first round of their home tournament, the Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic. They will tip off against Grambling State at 7 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.



Patterson

GRADE | Incomplete data transfer, economy account for low scores on sustainability report card

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is infused in building operations, was downgraded to an F in 2010. K-State had received a D for 2009.

An incomplete job of carrying over survey data from the past year might have contributed to the lowered grade, said Ben Champion, director of sustainability. Data is usually carried over to the next year's survey, he said, so adding new projects is the only necessity. Another contributing factor has been the economy.

Champion said K-State has scaled back on some of its green building projects, like the K-State Center for Child Development.

"It is not going to be LEED cer-

tified like it was originally intended to be because of financing problems," Champion said. "It is just too expensive."

Endowment transparency took a sizable hit from 2009 to 2010, falling from a B to an F. The reason for the decreased grade deals with endowment holdings. In 2009, the report card noted that the KSU Foundation made a list of its endowment holdings available to the public and accessible via the Internet per open records laws. Meanwhile, shareholder voting records are not available to the public.

The information on the 2010 report card presents a different story. According to the report, holdings were only made available to trust-

ees and senior administrators.

David Weaver, vice president of real estate and investments and chief information officer at the Foundation, said the information on the 2009 survey was a mistake.

"We don't post the specific holdings," he said. "That would be a horrendous task because we hire managers, and they have specific holdings, and that changes all the time. We can go in at any point and look at them but to put all of that on the Web site and keep it current would be horrendous."

K-State did receive high marks on investment priorities, earning an A. The Foundation invests in renewable energy funds, and some investment managers use environ-

mental and sustainability factors in evaluating investment opportunities, according to the report. Optimizing the return on an investment is the primary goal behind this, Weaver said.

"It's a function of looking for good ideas and companies that will make us money," he said. "And some of those happen to be sustainable or renewable energy and so forth."

Improving grades on the report card and moving toward a comprehensive effort at sustainable planning and decision-making will require more than lip service, Champion said.

"I think we are moving in that direction," he said. "But we need to keep up the movement and not be-

come complacent.

"The university has made some commitments and some administrative developments, but we are only halfway there so I am trying to keep up the pressure and trying to infuse sustainability decision-making in a lot of ways that are really critical," said Champion.

To Pistora, it all comes down to students optimizing their investments of time and money at K-State.

"By improving sustainability at K-State we as students can not only help the environment and serve as leaders in our community, but also enhance our K-State experience now and for the many generations of Wildcats to come," he said.

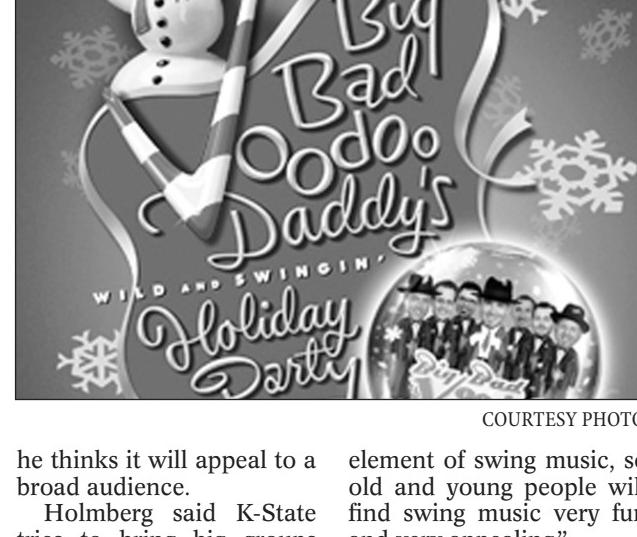
Big Bad swing band to perform holiday special in McCain

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Grammy-nominated swing band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will mix holiday tunes with their blend of high-energy and old-school styles tonight at McCain Auditorium.

"Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's Wild and Swingin' Holiday Party" will feature yuletide classics like "Blue Christmas," "Jingle Bells" and "We Three Kings" re-worked into a big band style performance set. They will also sing some newer songs like "Zat You Santa Claus?" and "Mr. Heat-miser" from the 70s-era claymation television special, "The Year Without Santa Claus."

Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain, said he thought it was important to bring the band to campus as part of the McCain Performance Series, as



COURTESY PHOTO

he thinks it will appeal to a broad audience.

Holmberg said K-State tries to bring big groups with mass appeal to advance K-State's mission of engaging the university and surrounding community. He said the "mass appeal" of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy is "caused by the universal

element of swing music, so old and young people will find swing music very fun and very appealing."

The performance will start at 7:30 tonight. Tickets prices are \$12.50 for K-State students and children; \$23 for faculty, senior citizens and military members and \$25 for the general public.

H1N1 | CDC official urges students to get vaccine

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"If they are too bogged down with finals or too busy, I would strongly encourage them to get vaccinated at home during the holidays."

Duncan said because college campuses are prone to contagious-disease outbreaks, students need to receive vaccines.

"College-aged students are among the most at-risk populations for contracting H1N1, and so, it's very important for as many college students as possible to get the vaccine," Duncan said. "The American College Health Association said 84 percent of schools they're talking to had a vaccine on hand today."

This 84 percent includes K-State. According to Lafene Health Center's Web site, the H1N1 vaccine is available to all students, except those who are pregnant. More information about clinics and fees can be found on its site.

Besides receiving a vaccine, Duncan encouraged students to make smart decisions in staying off the spread of disease. He said whether students have the flu or are healthy,

they should be practicing prevention by washing hands thoroughly and covering noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. If no tissue is available, use a shirt sleeve or elbow, Duncan said.

"Make sure that common areas and commonly touched surfaces are being cleaned frequently and that plenty of disposable wipes and hand sanitizer are around," he said.

Bell said individuals should not immediately rush to the hospital after contracting the illness, unless they have underlying conditions, like asthma or diabetes or are pregnant, but rather should use common sense.

Duncan said more information about H1N1 and prevention measures can be obtained at the government's Web site, Flu.gov, and the threat from the flu is still present.

"Our basic message is that we are simply not out of the woods yet with regards to H1N1," Duncan said. "The traditional flu season is just beginning. We still need to take steps to prevent the spread of flu, and keep students healthy, safe and learning, and, absolutely, the best way to do that is to get vaccinated."

RECAP | Snyder confident for 2010 season

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win seven games instead of the traditional six to qualify for a bowl berth.

"I wasn't happy with the [nonconference] schedule," Snyder said. "But if we lose two of those ball games, that's our fault. If I remember correctly, I don't think we played away too many times during my previous tenure here. I prefer to play home games."

Snyder said while home games are his preference, he also understands the need to be somewhat realistic. He said scheduling quality opponents is difficult, more so now than it was 20 years ago because of the monetary aspect.

While Snyder said the coaching staff would not pass up a good available quarterback because of the prominence of the position, he is not anxious about finding one.

"I am not uncomfortable with what we have returning," Snyder said. "We have got Carson Coffman, Sammuel Lamur, Collin Klein and Chris Harper that will all compete for the job."

He said he thinks the team has a chance to be better in many areas.

"Defensively, that's certainly the case," Snyder said. "I think each one of them has to accept the responsibility and foster that commitment. If indeed that takes place, then yes, we have a chance to be a better defensive football team."

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SGA | Schulz says budget cuts could be worse

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Schultz said the Union has alternative options if it begins to struggle financially. Among those options are the possibilities of closing the food court at 2 p.m. instead of 5 p.m., closing the Union on Sundays altogether and charge for room and equipment rentals.

"What will students notice more: An augmentation to the privilege fee or a black, dark Union on Sunday?" Unruh asked. "It's probably not the most appropriate time to raise privilege fees, but I think it's necessary."

Bernard Pitts, executive director of the Union, said that Union officials have been taking steps at reducing the Unions expenditures for the past decade.

"We have made cuts, reduced staff and developed more efficient ways of operating the facility over the last 10 years," Pitts said.

Many groups use the Union as a meeting place throughout the week. On Sundays alone, Pitts said, 200 meetings take place.

Peter Boos, president of the Union Corporation Board, gave an example of a group that had a scheduling conflict this year. Their usual meeting place at the Union was unavailable for the time which they needed it. The group pays \$90 each week to use the Union.

Consequently, the group had to ask SGA for \$900, which is what another building cost to rent, but was denied the funding.

"If you don't fund the Union now," Boos said, "You must fund additional groups later."

Student Body President Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics, agricultural communications and journalism, argued for the bill. He said if the Senate passed the bill, it would force the university to come to

the table and support the Union as well.

The bill has been referred back to the Privilege Fee Committee.

The Senate did pass another bill allocating funding for Union repairs and replacements. In the bill, the Senate granted a 5.9 percent increase over the course of three years.

"We did see that there were substantial needs that needed addressed right away," Schultz said. "Repair and replacement was deemed the most critical."

Schultz was given a tour of the Union and shown items that would need replaced over the next few years. The largest item on the list is the replacement of nine sections of the roof expected cost \$1 million. The Union also wants to replace single pane with double pane windows, said Schultz.

President Schulz gave a brief presentation at the meeting where he outlined changes to the university over the next year. Specifically, he spoke about the recent statewide budget cuts in education.

"We're looking at a half million dollar cut," Schulz said. "That's outstanding news, I thought it could be much deeper."

Unlike other universities, Schulz said, K-State is not forcing each department to take a percentage cut.

"I just think that the peanut butter approach of telling everyone to take a five-percent cut is non-strategic and hurts everyone," he said.

K-State is taking a different route in collecting ideas and recommendations for things that affect the whole campus.

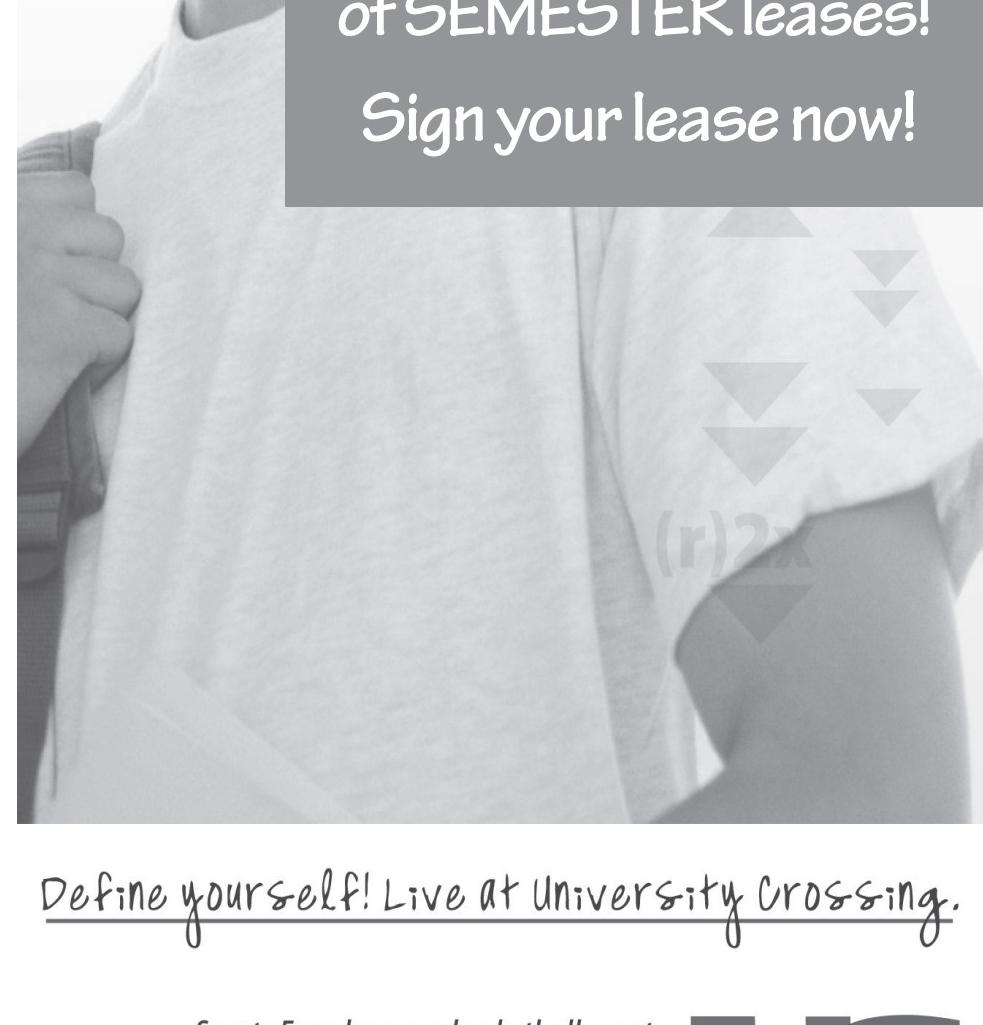
"The biggest issue is not dollars," said Schulz. "It's morale."

He emphasized that professors should not stress the issue and K-State is smart enough to find alternative methods for surviving the crisis.



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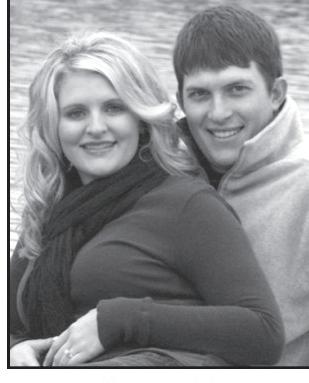
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**Barber – Criger**

Jill Barber, senior in social science, and Kyle Criger, announce their engagement. Jill is the daughter of Mitch and Debbie Bennett and Steve Barber, Clearwater, Kan., and Kyle is the son of David and Peggy Criger, Fall River, Kan.

They plan a September 4 wedding in Fall River, Kan.

**Kerwood – Sprague**

Brianna Kerwood, junior in fine arts, and Stuart Sprague, junior in horticulture announce their engagement. Brianna is the daughter of Richard and Lori Kerwood, Towanda, Kan., and Stuart is the son of Randy and Mary Sprague, Beloit, Kan.

They plan a June 19 wedding.

**Ellis – Bien**

Tasha Lee Ellis, senior in family studies and human services, and Jeremy Ray Bien announce their engagement.

Tasha is the daughter Bob Ellis, Overbrook, Kan. and Amanda McFarland, Pomona, Kan., and Jeremy is the son of Christina and the late Robert Bien, Burlingame, Kan.

They plan a February 27 wedding.

**Bastine – Yuill**

Tricia Bastine, sophomore in business administration and leadership, and John Axle Yuill, sophomore in sports turf management announce their engagement.

Tricia is the daughter of Jim and Susan Bastine, Highlands Ranch, Colo., and John is the son of Kim Yuill, Jefferson City, Mo.

They plan a December 28 wedding in Denver, Colo.

Coleman – Healy

Sareesa Coleman, sophomore in criminology, and Devin Healy, United States Army announce their engagement.

Sareesa is the daughter of Cheryl Lawrence, Ypsilanti, Mich., and Devin is the son of Mark and Jolie Healy, Grand Junction, Mich.

They plan a May 25 wedding in Michigan.



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Guest lists, wedding party important in planning

By Aubree Casper
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Not every wedding looks like Toula Portokalos's in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

Some people get married on a beach with only immediate family in tow. Other couples have to move ceremony locations halfway through planning because their intimate 150-person guest list turned into 400 after their grandparents put in their requests for attendees.

There are several options and factors to consider when planning how many bridesmaids and groomsmen to have and how many people you want to share your first day as husband and wife.

The most important guests in most cases will be the wedding party. Some couples may only choose two to four of their closest



Photo Illustration by Nathaniel LaRue

friends, while others might feel the need to include a dozen each. Some wedding parties even exceed 40 members. The Wedding

Planners, a planning company based in Atlanta, Ga., lists their largest bridal party as topping out at an impressive 72 members, ac-

cording to [Allweddingcompanies.com](#).

Think of your circles of friends and family. Typically, it is expected that if a bride

or groom are on good terms with their siblings, they ask them to be in the bridal party, but aside from that, consider whose friendship you value most.

Another aspect to consider is your budget and whether or not you plan on asking your bridal party to pay for their own attire. Over the last decade it has become increasingly more accepted to ask for bridesmaids and groomsmen to foot the bill for their own dress or tuxedo. Just remember they're probably just as strapped for cash as you, so don't expect them to pay hundreds of dollars for those matching shoes, clutches, jewelry and dresses or tuxedos.

More food for thought: Even if you hang out with your roommate from the dorms often right now, it's best to think about how

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Staying occupied at receptions can be easy, important

"The ceremony starts at 1 p.m., so we need to get to the church in time to find a seat. Then the reception starts at seven, so be thinking about what you want to eat in between the two."

Ah, the dreaded ceremony-reception gap. The past two years have brought a wedding bonanza to my mom's side of the family, and I have heard my mother explain the wedding details for one cousin or another multiple times as each of my cousins decides it's finally time to say "I do."

However, the real question is not what to wear to the wedding, whether to bring a date or who the new cousin-in-law will be — instead, the first question that pops into my head when I hear about a new marriage celebration is: "What am I going to do to entertain myself?"

As a minor in a family where underage drinking is sometimes

OK and sometimes not, and the second-youngest (not 21 yet) in the "turning 21" group of cousins, the truth is family weddings have immense potential to be amazingly fun ... or incredibly boring. In that light, here are a few tips for keeping yourself entertained while helping celebrate someone's transition from single to married life.

Bring your own camera: Whether at the church waiting for the ceremony to start, whiling away the time between the ceremony and reception or during the reception itself, a photo shoot can be a great way to kill some time and put a smile on people's faces — literally. In addition, seeing pictures of people enjoying themselves at their wedding taken by someone other than a professional photographer can be refreshing and gratifying for brides and grooms who want to know their guests enjoyed the wedding.

Make new friends: Everyone at a wedding has a least one thing in common — the couple getting married. So, do not be afraid to walk up to a fellow guest and ask them if they know the bride or groom then start sharing stories about how each of you know the

couple. Before you know it, you have found a friend for at least the night, which is always useful when at a large (or small) social gathering.

Dance: If there is music, it is generally meant for dancing. Even if you aren't drunk, pretend you are if it gives you the courage to go bust a move on the dance floor. Throwing yourself wholeheartedly into cheesy wedding traditions guarantees at least one funny story after the reception is over and helps everyone have fun while it lasts. A caveat: Have fun and get crazy, but don't do anything that will outshine the bride and groom. They should always be the center of attention, no matter how good you are at breakdancing.

Eat, drink and be merry: Try the cake, eat the meal if one is served and enjoy whatever beverages are available, whether an open bar complete with your favorite expensive liquor or a simple glass of sparkling grape juice. Often quite a bit of time and thought went into what kinds of refreshments will be served at a wedding reception, so acknowledge that fact and enjoy what is provided without giving a litany of things that would

be better.

Catch up with friends and family: Use weddings as a chance to break down that awkward barrier between you other guests and find out what their life is like.

For example, at the last wedding I attended, I learned my cousin — who showed up wearing a straw hat and leather sandals at a formal reception — had spent months as a scuba instructor in Hawaii. He then decided to work on a cruise ship, until the cruise ship reached a random tropical island, when he decided to simply jump ship and live there for a couple months. That story was well worth the hour of downtime between the ceremony and reception.

Weddings are not without their moments of slight boredom and watch-checking, but with a little effort and the willingness to be outgoing, they can be as exciting and enjoyable for you as they are for the bride and groom.

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Manhattan brides have several options for dress shopping

By Aubree Casper
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Although Manhattan does not have a huge variety of formal and wedding dress shops, those available offer a wide selection of styles at many different price points. The area's small local boutiques offer intimate, personalized shopping experiences that might end up decreasing the stress and overwhelming search for "the dress."

CELEBRATIONS OF THE HEART: \$-\$-\$

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Celebrations of the Heart offers bridal gowns, bridesmaids dresses, tuxedo rentals and formal dresses.

While the price tags might reflect a slightly higher cost than other area shops, they offer designer dresses from makers like Alfred Angelo, San Patrick and Casablanca Bridal, said Hope Blevins, sales associate at Celebrations of the Heart.

According to the store's Web site, Shopcelebrationsoftheheart.com, they are "the only full service bridal and formal wear store in the area." They will help you take care of many dress-buying details like fittings, alterations, bridal accessories like veils and shoes, steaming, pressing and gown preservation.

Most dresses available at Celebrations of the Heart run in one of two price ranges, from \$300-400 and \$1200-1300, but at times the

sale rack will have dresses as low as \$96, Blevins said.

WEISNER'S BRIDAL BOUTIQUE: \$-\$

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In the middle price range of wedding dresses, Weisner's Sew Unique and Bridal Boutique usually carries only one or two of each dress. While they can order some dresses, you can also walk out with a dress that day, which is different from many larger bridal boutiques. Weisner's also carries many well-known designers including Maggie Sottero, Mori Lee and Allure. They also offer some bridal accessories, alteration services and tuxedo rentals. Weisner's has clearance racks as

well, where you can find last season's dresses for a considerably reduced price.

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GUESTS | Choosing best man, maid of honor, wedding party requires careful thought

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close you will still be by the time the wedding rolls around. More brides than you might think end up regretting at least one of their choices for bridesmaids by the time the day actually arrives. Bridesmaids are there to help the bride throughout the process of planning and on the actual day. Think about who will help you be the most calm and relaxed on your big day.

Also, your party-hardy bar buddy who has not quite learned to

take care of himself by the time he graduates college probably is not going to be the best pick for your best man. If you are not sure you can rely on him to get to the church on time, let alone with your wedding rings, move on to someone a little more responsible.

Even if the bride and groom limit their party members to three each, once you include a flower girl, a ring bearer, and the bride and groom's parents and grandparents, the actual bridal party has grown to 12-15 people.

The first thing to do when starting any wedding guest list is to decide if you want all your guests to be invited to both the ceremony and the reception. Traditionally, American-Christian ceremonies were reserved just for close family and friends, and the reception was held so those who weren't invited to the ceremony could still celebrate the marriage.

Any cultural or religion-specific wedding traditions can lead to a completely different guest list writing experience.

To save yourself headache, it is

best to avoid a number at first, unless you have already landed on a ceremony and reception site that limits the number of guests. The Mission Theatre in Mission, Kan., like many other venues, charges different amounts for different wedding sizes, and may charge \$5 to \$10 extra per guest over a certain capacity.

Sit down with your fiance or fiancee and make a list between the two of you first. Then, share the list with your parents and allow them to add guests. This process turns out best when you go through it

in person, so everyone can decide who should and should not be invited. Also, decide if you want to allow your guests to bring a date, as that could conceivably almost double your numbers.

Most importantly, this is the one day in your life where you are in charge. Do what makes you and your fiance or fiancee happiest. People might act put out if they find out your special day didn't include their presence, but they will understand a thought-out guest list, and it will make your day less stressful.



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Junior guard **Jacob Pullen** shoots over a Pittsburg State defender in the Wildcats' 83-59 exhibition win. He leads the team with 18.1 points per game.

Pullen takes on leadership role, guides young teammates

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Selecting a Player of the Game from the contest against IUPUI on Saturday, Nov. 28, turned out to be a no-brainer.

Junior guard Jacob Pullen recorded 25 points, seven assists and six rebounds. In fact, he led the team in rebounds at the end of the first half. Pullen shot 50 percent from behind the arc and converted on eight of nine free throw attempts. He also added three steals.

"That's Jacob Pullen," said Dominique Sutton, junior forward. "He's going to be Jacob Pullen out there. He's going to get to the basket. He's going to make things happen to get everybody else on the offensive end going."

As an upperclassman and starting guard, Pullen has taken a leadership role on the team.

"It's not really something that you like or dislike," Pullen said. "It's a job that you have to do. It's not like I just woke up and was like, 'I have to be the leader.'"

Pullen said leadership is a job that came to him because there were other players who did not know what they were doing and he has been here playing the longest.

"I embrace it," Pullen said. "I try to deal with it. Some days it's a headache. Some days it's easier. I take it a day at a time."

Pullen has played basketball since he was 4 or 5 years old, he said. He is the self-proclaimed "baby boy" of the family with three sisters and two brothers. He said playing with older kids made him tougher because they nev-

er let him get away with anything.

"Going to the gym with all of them, I just picked it up," Pullen said of basketball. "Some days even if I didn't want to, it just was brought upon me."

Pullen said his family is very proud of him and continues to motivate him today.

"One day [I want to] be able to give my family things that they never had," Pullen said. "My nieces and nephews, make sure they have all the opportunities that I was able to have and more. Just every day knowing that, if I make it one day to play professionally, they'll have a better chance of doing anything they want to do."

As a kid, some of his best memories of basketball include playing at camps like those of San Antonio Spurs forward Michael Finley and Golden State Warriors forward Corey Maggette. At those camps he competed against other players, who are friends of his, who are now playing college basketball.

"I just look back at days when we were younger and played all day with no cause," Pullen said.

He said he thinks his success is more the result of him having a great basketball IQ and picking up things of the game, learning what people like to do and what they do not like to do as well as repeti-

tions of shots.

"Me being the player I am, I was never overly athletic," Pullen said. "I was fast, but I was never the fastest."

Head coach Frank Martin said Pullen has grown up tremendously and he could not be happier for him.

"When everybody was running around saying that I hated him, you guys didn't understand how much I loved him," Martin said. "He wants to grow and wants to win. If you've got the desire to win, and you're not phony about it, then you grow, and you listen, and you become better, and that's what he's done."

Pullen said basketball has helped him get through school throughout his life.

"I never really liked to focus in classes," he said. "But I always knew that I had to get grades so I could play, so I always made sure I was always above the eligibility rule."

His friendship with former K-State players Michael Beasley and Bill Walker helped bring him to K-State, he said. He added that the fan support here is unbelievable.

"I've been to other schools for visits and their fans come out, but they don't give it their all like K-Staters do," Pullen said. "No matter if we're playing Pittsburgh State or KU, our student section is still filled. You just have to love it."

An inside look at Jacob Pullen



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Wildcats to host Cougars in Hardwood Series Saturday

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Fresh off a narrow win against Division II Fort Hays State Tuesday, the K-State men's basketball team hosts Washington State in the Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series Saturday at 8 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

The Cougars boast high-scoring guard Klay Thompson, whose 28-point average leads the nation.

"We have to line up and play with some enthusiasm and energy and desire," head coach Frank Martin said after Tuesday's game. "They're good. If we don't play that way, Klay Thompson will score 146 points here on Saturday."

Martin had high praise for the Cougars (6-1) and Thompson, who fell to No. 16 Gonzaga Wednesday night for their only loss of the season. Thompson was held to just 15 points in the game. Defensively, it will be the K-State backcourt that gets the task of trying to stop Thompson.

"He's the leading scorer in the country," Martin said. "If we don't come in here and are disciplined and enthusiastic about our jobs, he's going to set an NCAA record for points in game. We have to make sure that we're a lot better and a lot more disciplined and focused to give ourselves a chance to win on Saturday."

The discipline needed to win big-time games was not evident in Tuesday's game against Fort Hays State. The Wildcats struggled at times to stop the Tigers defensively, which frustrated Martin.

The game also featured several puzzling lineups, with reserve forward Victor Ojeleye playing a career-high 29 minutes and starting forward Curtis Kelly playing just six. Also seeing a decline in minutes were freshmen Wal-

ly Judge and Rodney McGruder, with McGruder riding the bench for the entire game.

"I do not send messages through playing time to anybody," Martin said after the game. "I play guys who deserve to play and guys who do not deserve to play, I will not play them. It has always been that way and until the day they tell me that I have to leave, it will always be that way."

Junior guard Jacob Pullen said that part of the change in playing time distribution is related to his teammates not buying into the system and committing themselves to the team.

"We just need everybody to get on board," Pullen said. "I think we still have people in our locker room that are not buying into Frank's system. It's worked for two years."

Part of Coach Martin's complaints is that the team does not always give their best effort during practice, which translates to sloppy play during games. Martin also blamed himself for mistakes being made up to this point in the season.

"It doesn't just fall on their shoulders," Martin said. "They're not playing well, and it's our job as coaches to get them to play better. We're going to do our part, and we're going to be a lot better by the end of the year."

With big games against teams that have all recently been to the NCAA tournament, the learning curve is steep and time is running short.

Despite this, Martin is focused on improving in practice and getting his team to buy in to his work ethic and style of play.

"I could care less what happens next Tuesday, and Saturday, and the following Saturday," Martin said after Tuesday's game. "We've got one focus and one focus only, and that's tomorrow's practice."



Junior forward Dominique Sutton drives to the basket past IUPUI's Christian Siakam during the Wildcats' 70-57 win over the Jaguars last Saturday. Sutton and the Wildcats face Washington State this Saturday at 8 p.m. for the Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series. The Wildcats are 0-2 all-time in the series, losing both times to the Oregon Ducks.

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Young team should overcome early inconsistent play

Normally, I don't worry about young teams too terribly much, because I understand that they will grow and mature.

But after seeing K-State's Men's Basketball team beat Fort Hays State by only seven points, it leads me to wonder, what will this season hold for us?

Obviously, they've played well enough to be 6-1 and to garner 41 votes in the AP poll. But the fact is, the Wildcats' opponents' combined record is 22-14, and aside from Dayton and Ole Miss, the competition has involved a lot of programs that will not be dancing in March.

So why am I so unsure about the Wildcats?

Is it because most of the time, they play down to the level of the other team? Or at least, it seems to me to be that way. They are young, but it looks like they just don't want to be out there sometimes, and lethargic play keeps the other teams in the game

when it shouldn't be close.

Is it because the ability to rebound is solely dependant on whether or not they want to? Because the Wildcats are more than athletic enough to out rebound most any opponent, there is no reason they should be getting out-rebounded by teams like Loyola.

Could it be because they cannot focus for 40 minutes? Crisp passes and blocking out your man, for example, are both staples of teams that are good, and those teams that focus 40 minutes generally win the ball game in the end. The Wildcats have yet to put together a game in which focus was maintained throughout.

Believe it or not though, I have belief in this team. I think they will make the NCAA tournament this year, for a couple of reasons.

First, in 12 halves of play this year, K-State has only trailed at the end of two of them, and those both happened to be in the loss to Mississippi. This shows, even though they haven't always played as team or played to their potential, that they manage to find a way to win. Being able to finish off games and halves strong is the most important part of basketball, because what is

the point of having all the talent in the world if you don't know how to win?

Second, the Wildcats can only improve. The team is young. In-game decisions at this point are hit or miss, because the team is still getting used to playing together and getting in sync. But with how the schedule is set up, K-State should be ready come Big 12 play.

Last of all, is the leadership of junior guard Jacob Pullen, senior guard Denis Clemente and even junior forward Curtis Kelly. These guys are key in leading the maturing of the young guys because they know the system and have experienced the highs and lows of college basketball.

Eventually, the rebounding issues should be solved, focus won't be an issue, and maturation will occur, leading to better play both as a team and individually.

The next two games for the Wildcats are huge, taking on Washington State on Saturday and Xavier on Wednesday, both at home.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

BIG 12 STANDINGS

Texas Tech	7-0
Kansas	6-0
Texas	5-0
Baylor	6-1
Kansas State	6-1
Oklahoma State	6-1
Texas A&M	6-1
Nebraska	5-1
Iowa State	6-2
Colorado	5-2
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Senior forward **Ashley Sweat** smiles and puts her arm around freshman guard **Mariah White** while the team huddles during a timeout in the 70-63 win against Washington State.

K-State to host Wildcat Classic, open against Grambling State

STAFF REPORT

The K-State women's basketball team returns home after a three-game road trip to host the 15th annual Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic this weekend.

The Wildcats (2-4) will face Grambling State at 6 p.m. Friday, with the UTEP and Missouri State playing at 4 p.m. Saturday's action includes a consolation game at 1 p.m. and a championship at 3 p.m.

Fresh off a narrow defeat on the road against Arkansas, the Wildcats are looking to win the Wildcat Classic for the fourth year in a row behind the play of Ashley Sweat, who leads the team with 17 points per game. Behind her are guards Kari Kincaid and Brittany Chambers who are scoring 12 and 11.4 points per game, respectively.

The Wildcats have played close games all season, with their largest margin of victory or defeat in the regular season at just seven points. Of their six games, five of them have been decided by four points or fewer, which should make for entertaining games during this year's Wildcat Classic.

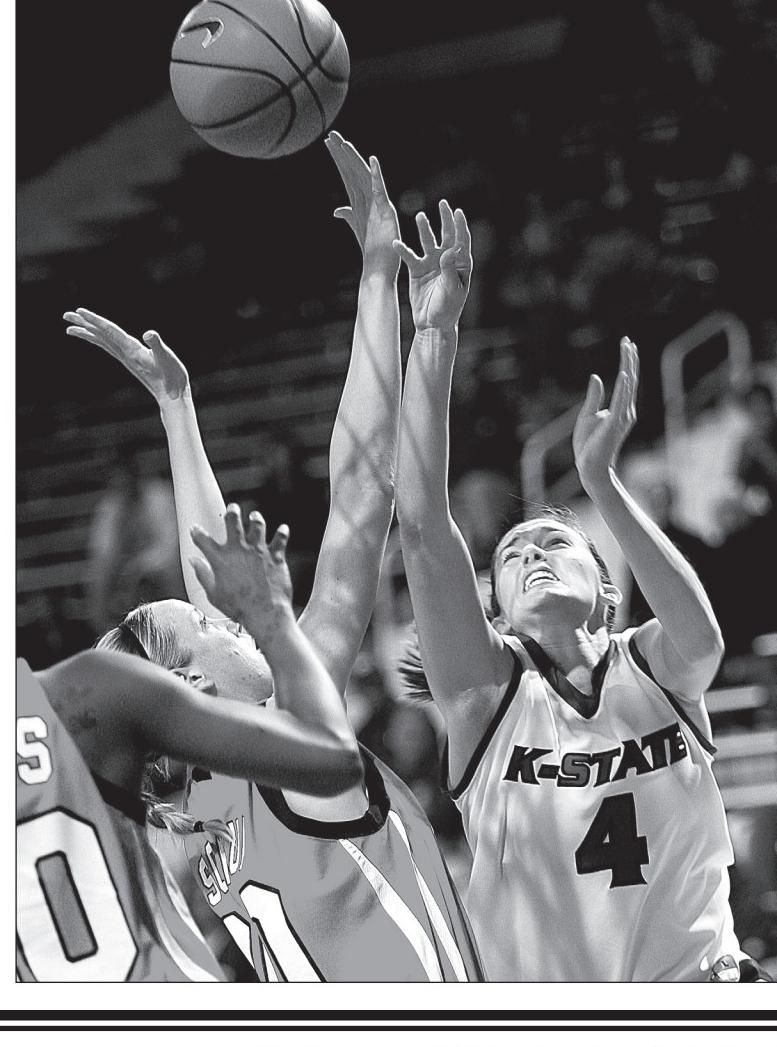
The Wildcats first opponent, Grambling State (3-2), has not played as many close games, with two of its three wins coming by more than 20 points. The Tigers have lost their two games by two and eight points respectively, meaning the Wildcats could be in for another game that comes down to the wire. Alexis Watson and Kiana Marshall lead a balanced Tiger squad with 10.4 and 10 points respectively.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BIG 12 STANDINGS

Nebraska	6-0
Texas A&M	4-0
Baylor	6-1
Texas Tech	6-1
Colorado	5-1
Iowa State	4-1
Texas	5-2
Oklahoma	4-2
Oklahoma State	4-2
Kansas	3-2
Missouri	3-2
Kansas State	2-4

The other two teams in the tournament, Missouri State (3-2) and UTEP (5-2) are both led by prolific scorers. The Bears feature Casey Garrison, who is averaging 21.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. UTEP is led by guard Jareica Hughes, who is averaging 14 points per game while shooting 50 percent from 3-point range. Hughes also has 12 steals.



Senior forward **Ashley Sweat** goes after a rebound during a 80-79 overtime loss in the game against Arkansas State. **Sweat** leads the team with 17 points per game.

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SEASON REVIEW

Second Snyder era starts with roller coaster season



Left: Junior defensive back **Troy Butler** tackles Oklahoma wide receiver **Ryan Broyles** during the Wildcats 42-30 loss to the Sooners on Oct. 31. The Wildcats nearly staged a comeback in that game behind the strong running game of junior **Daniel Thomas**.

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Below: Daniel **Thomas** runs upfield during the 38-12 loss to Missouri on Nov. 14. The loss was the first of two losses that ended the Wildcats' season without a bowl game or a trip to Dallas, Texas, for the Big 12 Championship game.

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Above: Senior wide receiver **Brandon Banks** celebrates with fans after scoring a touchdown during the 24-23 win against Iowa State at Arrowhead Stadium.

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Right: Junior linebacker **Kevin Rohleder** tackles a Kansas receiver during the 17-10 victory over the Jayhawks. The victory marked the first win in four tries for the Wildcats against KU.

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